Docket No.: 50212-569 PATENT

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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For: DIFFRACTION GRATING ELEMENT, PRODUCTION METHOD OF DIFFRACTION

GRATING ELEMENT, AND METHOD OF DESIGNING DIFFRACTION GRATING

Examiner:

**ELEMENT** 

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as

follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 19 of this paper.